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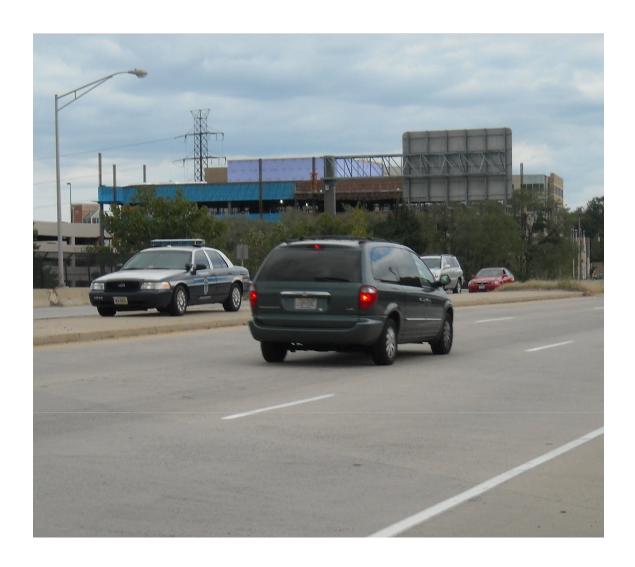
Franconia Station Deploys Ghost

Drivers may have seen a ghost in the past few weeks as they traveled the highways of the Franconia District. A ghost cruiser has been positioned in a variety of places to decrease traffic infractions and increase highway safety. The cruiser is highly visible and serves as a reminder to drive responsibly.

Tinted windows prevent motorists from being able to see whether or not an officer is inside the cruiser. It is moved around the district frequently so that drivers do not become accustomed to its presence.

Franconia District police officers encourage drivers to follow all traffic laws and to travel safely. They continue to patrol the highways and write tickets to violators.

Captain Shawn Bennett, Commander of the Franconia District Station, said "The ghost cruiser initiative is an effective way to slow motorists with minimal impact to the department's budget. While attending community events, I have been told by numerous citizens they have seen the ghost cruiser while driving and have slowed their speed. My goal is to reduce crashes and improve overall motorist safety without always having to write a ticket."



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